



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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### **Lincoln Exhibit and Programs**

**SAN DIEGO** – “Abraham Lincoln, A Man of His Time, a Man for All Times,” is a national traveling exhibition that examines Abraham Lincoln’s life, accomplishments, and legacy. It opens at the San Diego Public Library on April 11, 2009 and will be on display through May 8, 2009. Organized by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, this free exhibition goes beyond the public images of Lincoln to focus on the evolution of his beliefs and his impact on the nation. The exhibition has been made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

“Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, a Man for All Times” traces Lincoln’s path from a self-educated, rough hewn lawyer with virtually no administrative experience, to the president who guided a divided nation through the crises of slavery, secession and Civil War. This exhibition shows how Lincoln transcended his age and left a constitutional legacy for all Americans.

A number of special programs have been planned in conjunction with the exhibit.

- On Saturday, April 11, 2009 noted historian Dr. Edward J. Blum, of San Diego State University examines Lincoln’s last days and his legacy. The program is from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p. m. in the Central Library auditorium.
- On Monday, April 13, 2009, Dr. Blum introduces the film presentation of *Young Mr. Lincoln*. The film free presentation is from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Central Library Auditorium.

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- On Tuesday, April 14, 2009 William T. Peck, a noted Lincoln presenter, highlights key points in Lincoln's life such as the Kansas-Nebraska Act, the Lincoln –Douglas Debates, the Gettysburg Address and Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address. Mr. Peck is a member of the Screen Actors Guild, a member of the Abraham Lincoln Presenters and a member of the Sons of the Veterans of the Civil War. This program is from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Central Library Auditorium.

For more information about these programs and the exhibit, please call 619-236-5847.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org)

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